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At first, the participants of the ceremony visited the grave of the national leader Heydar Aliyev, laid a wreath and fresh flowers at the monument. Then the participants laid flowers on the grave of academician Zarifa Aliyeva.

The essay competition, organized among VIII-XI grade students of general education schools, students of primary vocational educational institutions and students of specialized secondary schools, was held by the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Communications and Information Technologies, the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, the New Azerbaijan Party, the Republican Committee of the Independent Trade Union of Azerbaijan Education Employees for 9 years.

Ali Ahmadov, Deputy Prime Minister, Deputy Chairman of New Azerbaijan Party, Elchin Afandiyev, Deputy Prime Minister, Mikayil Jabbarov, the Minister of Education, Elmir Velizade, the Deputy Minister of Communications and Information Technologies, Ilgar Mustafayev, the representative of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, Sattar Mehbaliyev, the chairman of the Republican Committee of the Independent Trade Union of Azerbaijan Education Employees, Members of Parliament, heads of educational institutions, well-known intellectuals, teachers and students attended the awarding ceremony of winners.

Opening the event with introductory remarks, Mikayil Jabbarov, the Minister of Education, said that this competition plays an important role in describing their thoughts and feelings of pupils and students about the national leader in written form and in the formation of their writing ability. The Minister also mentioned that the competition, covering all regions of our country, reflects the different fields of activity of the national leader.

Ali Ahmadov, Deputy Prime Minister and deputy chairman of New Azerbaijan Party, underlined the importance of the competition. Emphasizing the importance of studying the rich heritage and ideas of national leader Heydar Aliyev by the younger generation, Deputy Prime Minister noted that such measures have a positive impact on the formation of students' thinking and views about statehood. A. Ahmadov highly appreciated the annual growth in the number of participants.

In their speech, Sattar Mehbaliyev, the chairman of the Republican Committee of the Independent Trade Union of Azerbaijan Education Employees, Elmir Velizade, the Deputy Minister of Communications and Information Technologies, Ilgar Mustafayev, the representative of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, congratulated the participants of the competition.

16 people were awarded first place, 19 people were awarded second place and 22 people were awarded third place among the participants of the Republican stage. 35 people, taking fourth ((encouraging)) place, were awarded with diplomas. The essays of 92 people, awarded I-IV places, were published in the book named "Heydar Aliyev in the eyes of schoolchildren".

The diplomas, awards and valuable gifts were presented to the winners of competition.

It should be noted that the competition, covering all regions of our country, was attended by more than 15 thousand students in the district (city) stage.